

MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NINTH DAY.

Friday, 22nd January 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Old Public Offices, Bangalore, at 8-30 A.M.

Mr. SPEAKER (SRI H. SIDDAIYA, B.A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

*Allegation against the Head of
Mysore Police.*

Q.—42. Sri U. M. MADAPPA
(Chamarajanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether a communication levelling charges of corruption against the Head of the Mysore Police Department has been received by them;

(b) the action taken by them in this behalf ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(a) A letter alleging certain irregularities against senior police officers has been received.

(b) The matter is under enquiry.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—Who are those police officers, Sir ?

*Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I am not able to say who those police officers are for the simple reason that no names are mentioned in the complaint.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—What action has been taken ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The matter has been referred, as I have already said in the answer, to the Special Officer of Efficiency Audit and Anti-Corruption Department, for enquiry.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—How long will it take, Sir ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I have received a report from him that he is going to send the report very soon.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—What is the nature of the allegation, Sir ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Sir, it may not be necessary to disclose the

nature of the allegations since the matter is under enquiry.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—Is it *sub judice*, Sir ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—No, it is not *sub judice*. It may not be in the public interest to reveal it.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—Is it a fact that the allegation was against the Inspector-General of Police ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—No, not against the I. G. of the Police as such.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—Is it not desirable to keep the delinquent officers under suspension during the enquiry period, Sir ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Why should the Hon'ble Member presume that any officer is delinquent unless there is a finding on that question ?

*Officers empowered to transfer Police
Officers under the Police Act.*

Q.—78. Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR (T.-Narsipur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the Officers that are empowered under the Police Act to issue orders of transfer of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors of Police ;

(b) the considerations that are kept in view while ordering such transfers ;

(c) whether these considerations have been taken to account while transferring the Inspector and Sub-Inspector of Ramanagaram recently (in the month of December 1953 ;

(d) whether there have been appeals to Government by aggrieved Officers against the orders of transfer

*Asterisk indicates that the remarks or speech have not been revised by the Member concerned.

(Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.)

by the Inspector-General of Police from the year 1952 till to-date and the action taken thereon (the names of officials who appealed and the action taken in each case during this period may kindly be given);

(e) in how many cases the Government have directed the Inspector-General of Police to cancel an order of transfer of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors or to transfer Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors from 1st April 1952 till to-date?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(a) Under Police Manual, the Inspector General of Police, the Deputy Commissioner and the District Superintendent of Police are empowered to order the transfers.

(b) (1) Exigencies of service and (2) service of more than three years in the same place.

(c) Yes. They were transferred in the interest of public service.

(d) No.

(e) Four cases involving transfers of 3 Sub-Inspectors and 5 Police Inspectors.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Is it not a fact, Sir, that the present Inspector-General of Police has taken all the powers of transfer for himself?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—No, the Inspector-General of Police has not taken any power, but the law enjoins him with that power under the Police Act.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—You have stated that the officers of Ramanagaram were transferred in the public interest. For how long they were in Ramanagaram before they were transferred, Sir?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Sri Hanumantha Setty, the Inspector of Police—15th March 1951 and the Sub-Inspector Sri Krishnappa—16th April 1951.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—What were the special circumstances that prompted Government to order for their transfer, Sir?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The I.G.P., in his discretion and solely in the interest of public service.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—If I say that Government issued instructions to the I. G. P., am I not correct, Sir?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I do not think that Government issued any instructions in these two cases. But, there are cases where Government, in their discretion, if they felt that the transfer of any officer was necessary, have issued instructions.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—May I know who were those in whose cases appeals have come before the Government?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I have already said, nobody has appealed to Government against the transfer.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Who are those in whose cases Government have directed the I.G.P., to order a transfer?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I invite the attention of the Hon'ble Member to reply to (e) Four cases are Sri Abdul Rawoofkhan, Police Inspector, K.R.Pet Taluk; Sri H. Gopinatha Rao, Police Inspector, Tarikere; Sub-Inspector, Pandavapura and Sri Lingappa, Sub-Inspector, Yelandur.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—What were the reasons that prompted the Government to direct the I. G. of Police to transfer these police officers?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Solely in the interest of public service. Some matters come to the notice of Government, especially from responsible members of the Legislature and other public men that the police administration there does require a change and the Government, if they are satisfied that a transfer is necessary in the interest of public service, they do issue instructions.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Sir, when complaint is received against an officer from a Member, would it not be incumbent on the part of the Government to enquire the officer about the nature of the complaint?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The Government, only after they are satisfied, issue instruction ; not otherwise.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Have not Government acted against the information given by the I. G. of Police even in such cases ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Those are matters of official secret and I am not prepared to disclose those cases.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Well, Sir, if permanent officers of the State are subjected to such transfers because of some complaint by some responsible person, would it not reduce the morale of the officers ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Sir, Government are equally interested in maintaining the morale of the Police Department. It is not every allegation that will be taken into consideration. If there is some complaint based on tangible evidence or the Government comes to the conclusion after very careful examination that a transfer is necessary, Government cannot keep the officer there, if his presence there is against public interest.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Were these complaints enquired into and if so, by whom ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Enquired by me personally on the spot.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—Why the name of Sub-Inspector of Bagepalli has not been included here ? He was transferred and again brought back and reinstated.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes. The Sub-Inspector was transferred and again it was cancelled and he was retained there.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—Had not a new Sub-Inspector come and took charge for a few days ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—May be.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—Then, what was the necessity for making this change ? Was it because some local "Pudaries" were interested ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Government do not know who the local "Pudaries" are. Government have their own information. Supposing a police officer is transferred,

and it has happened in one or two districts, and the Deputy Commissioner of the district makes a recommendation that the presence of that officer proposed to be transferred is necessary for administrative purposes, taking into consideration the report of the Deputy Commissioner, and solely in the interest of public service, the transfer order may be cancelled.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—Since how long he is staying in Bagepalli ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Notice.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—How many charges are there against him for corruption and all that ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I have not got any information about the charges of corruption against him.

Industrial Concerns owned and worked by Government.

Q.—448. Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA (Turuvekere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of industrial concerns owned and worked by Government with the date of starting each industry ;

(b) (i) the amount invested on each concern as on 31-12-1953 ;

(ii) the amount written off due to working loss and as not recoverable, etc., till now ;

(c) profit and loss account of each factory with percentage ;

(d) whether periodical verification of stock according to prescribed commercial principles is being done ; if so, how and by whom ;

(e) Whether action is being taken against the concerned persons when discrepancies are found ;

(f) whether they would cause an investigation to correct mismanagement and suggest improvements in their working, by the members of Public Accounts Committee or Estimates Committee or by a specially constituted committee of five members of this House ?